Statement-II

State-wise allocation and release of funds under Centrally sponsored scheme on Micro Irrigation during 2005-06 and 2006-07

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	2005-06		2006-07	
		Allocation	Release	Allocation	Release
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6129.23	6129.23	19519.68	19519.68
2.	Bihar	0	0	2482.10	2482.10
3.	Chhattisgarh	0	0	3032.88	3032.88
4.	Delhi	0	0	15.71	15.71
5.	Goa	0	0	12.13	12.13
6.	Gujarat	2182.01	2182.01	3355.90	3355.90
7.	Haryana	0	0	443.89	443.89
8.	Jharkhand	0	0	229.92	229.92
9.	Karnataka	3584.10	3584.10	2456.75	2456.75
10.	Kerala	3200.00	3200.00	636.30	636.30
11.	Madhya Pradesh	580.32	580.32	401.16	401.16
12.	Maharashtra	4806.09	4806.09	8796.549	8796.549
13.	Orissa	0	0	454.26	454.26
14.	Punjab	566.14	566.14	0	0
15.	Rajasthan	1048.02	1048.02	2833.34	2833.34
16.	Tamil Nadu	4290.97	4290.97	1200.64	1200.64
17.	Uttar Pradesh	1241.76	1241.76	0	0
18.	West Bengal	0	0	195.67	195.67
19.	NCPAH, New Delhi	417.50	417.50	0	0
	TOTAL:	28046.14	28046.14	46066.88	46066.88

Agricultural production

25. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is fall in the rate of agricultural production particularly in the production of wheat and rice;

(b) if so, whether Government ascertained the causes for the fall in production of these produces;

(c) whether Govenment have taken/proposed to take measures to increase investment in the infrastructure development in the agricultural sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of the funds earmarked for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Following table gives the production of wheat, rice, pulses, foodgrains, oilseeds, sugarcane and cotton for the years 2003-04 to 2006-07:

(Million Tonnes)

Crop	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07*
Foodgrains	213.19	198.36	208.60	216.13
Wheat	72.15	68.64	69.35	74.89
Rice	88.53	83.13	91.79	92.76
Pulses	14.91	13.13	13.39	14.23
Oilseeds	25.19	24.35	27.98	23.88
Sugarcane	233.86	237.09	281.17	345.31
Cotton#	13.73	16.43	18.50	22.70

* 4th Advance Estimates as on 19.7.2007

Million bales of 170 kg each.

The agricultural production in terms of foodgrains shows an increasing trend in the last few years. The production of foodgrains, sugarcane and cotton during 2006-07 (4th advance estimates) are the highest achieved so far. In 2004-05 the monsoon rainfall was 13% less than its long period average which affected the production of wheat and rice. In 2005-06 there was abnormal rise in temperature in February and March which affected the production of wheat. Oilseeds production in 2006-07 declined mainly because of less area coverage under oilseeds as compared to that in 2005-06.

(c) and (d) The Government has taken measures to increase investment in irrigation including sprinkler irrigation, storage facilities, post-harvest infrastructure, supply chain build up, argicultural diversification, agricultural extension system including agricultural research, farm mechanization, credit, marketing infrastructure including grading and standardization. For the year 2007-08, a provision of Rs.5520.00 crore has been made for the promotion of agriculture sector as against Rs. 4860.00 crore made for the year 2006-07.

Cultivable land

26. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the cultivable land in hectares at present in the country;

(b) the barren land in hectares and the steps taken by Government during the last five years to make it cultivable, State-wise; and